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## FOREWORD BY THE PATRON OF THE CLUB, THE HON. SIR ALBERT WOLFF, K.C.M.G., CHIEF JUSTICE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The Western Australian Naturalists' Club is to be commended for having decided to publish this history, which should have a wide appeal, not only to members, but to the public, many of whom are interested in the wonderful heritage of this State.

In the forty years of its existence the Club has grown and has spread its influence under the guidance of many eminent citizens. It is truly a Club and the choice of name was a happy one.

During my term as President of the Library, Museum and Art Gallery of Western Australia I had the privilege of forming many happy associations with the Club's zealous and unselfish workers, whose devotion to the cause is an inspiration. The names of some of the earliest members may now be unfamiliar and it is fitting that they should be enshrined in this work. It is interesting to note that science and art, which so largely seem to be estranged, have in this field been harmoniously brought together.

To write a history such as this is no easy task. It has involved much work and research for Mrs. Erickson, who is to be congratulated on the result. She has given us an insight into personalities and activities of those who have guided the Club; she has given life to the story of its growth; and I have no doubt that this history will act as a stimulus to all those who are working for the success of the Club and the advancement of the study of natural history.

I am pleased to be associated with this publication.

A. A. WOLFF

PERTH, 6th November, 1964.